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On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to forward, herewith, the Accra III Agreement on Côte d'Ivoire, adopted at the high-level meeting on Côte d'Ivoire, held in Accra on 29 and 30 July 2004 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council.

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HIGH LEVEL MEETING ON CÔTE D'IVOIRE

ACCRA, 29TH - 30TH JULY 2004

ACCRA III AGREEMENT ON CÔTE D'IVOIRE

1. At the invitation of His Excellency, Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana and Chairman of ECOWAS, and His Excellency Kofi Annan, the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the following African Heads of State and Government or their duly accredited representatives, met His Excellency Mr. Laurent Gbagbo, President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, His Excellency Seydou Elimane Diarra, Prime Minister of the Government of National Reconciliation and the main Ivorian political forces signatories to the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement, that is, the FPI, MJP, MPCI, MPIGO, PDCI-RDA, PIT, MFA, RDR, UDCI and UDPCI, in Accra on 29 and 30 July 2004:

- **His Excellency Mathieu Kérékou**
  President of the Republic of Benin
- **His Excellency Blaise Compaore**
  President of Burkina Faso, Head of Government
- **His Excellency Denis Sassou Nguesso**
  President of the Republic of the Congo
- **His Excellency Laurent Gbagbo**
  President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- **His Excellency El Hadj Omar Bongo Ondimba**
  President of the Gabonese Republic
- **His Excellency John Agyekum Kufuor**
  President of the Republic of Ghana
  Chairman of ECOWAS
- **His Excellency Gyude Bryant**
  Chairman of the National Transitional Government of Liberia
- **His Excellency Amadou Toumani Toure**
  President of the Republic of Mali
- **His Excellency Mamadou Tanja**
  President of the Republic of the Niger, Current Chairman of UEMOA

- **His Excellency Chief Olusegun Obasanjo**
  President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chair of the African Union

- **His Excellency Ahmad Tejan Kabbah**
  President of the Republic of Sierra Leone

- **His Excellency Thabo Mbeki**
  President of the Republic of South Africa

- **His Excellency Gnassingbe Eyadema**
  President of the Togolese Republic

- **His Excellency Fernando Da Piedade Dias Dos Santos**
  Prime Minister of Angola

- **His Excellency Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Sy**
  Senior Minister at the Presidency representing the President of the Republic of Senegal

- **His Excellency Mr. Momodou Kebba Jallow**
  High Commissioner of the Gambia to the Republic of Ghana representing the President of the Republic of the Gambia

- **His Excellency Elhadj Mamadou Falilou Bah**
  Ambassador of the Republic of Guinea to the Republic of Ghana representing the President of the Republic of Guinea

2. The following personalities also participated at the High Level consultation:

- **His Excellency Alpha Oumar Konare**
  Chairperson of the African Union Commission

- **His Excellency Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas**
  ECOWAS Executive Secretary

3. During the session presided by His Excellency Mr. John Agyekum Kufuor, the Ivorian political forces considered the obstacles that have so far impeded full implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis and Accra II agreements. They formulated proposals on how to overcome these obstacles and build consensus on the key issues confronting the Ivorian peace process.

4. The Ivorian political forces reiterated their commitment to the principles and Programme of Government contained in the Linas-Marcoussis and Accra II agreements. They also reaffirmed their determination to proceed with the full and unconditional implementation of these Agreements.

5. In order to put the peace process firmly back on track and to ensure a sustained implementation of the provisions of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement, the political forces of Cote d'Ivoire agreed to the following measures.

Eligibility criteria for the office of President of the Republic (Art. 35 of the Constitution) and other legal reforms

6. In view of the persistent grave threat to the territorial integrity of Cote d'Ivoire caused by the continuing crisis, the President of the Republic shall use the powers conferred upon him by the Constitution to implement by the end of September 2004 the provisions of section III on eligibility of the Programme of the Government of National Reconciliation annexed to the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement.

7. As stated at the Addis Ababa meeting of 6 July 2004, the President of the Republic has convened on 28th July 2004 an extraordinary session of the National Assembly to proceed with the adoption of all legal reforms envisaged under the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement, in accordance with its letter and spirit.

8. They reiterated their commitment to ensuring the support of their respective members of the National Assembly for the adoption of these legislative texts by the end of August 2004, as stipulated in the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement.

Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration process (DDR)

9. The parties commit themselves to the commencement of DDR by 15th October 2004. The process will be conducted on the basis of a specific timetable, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement and the decisions adopted in this regard in Grand Bassam and Yamoussoukro. The DDR process shall include all paramilitary and militia groups. It was also agreed that the restructuring of the defence and security forces should be undertaken in accordance with the road map delineated at Grand Bassam.

10. They called on the Prime Minister and the Government of National Reconciliation to establish a timetable for the restoration of State administration and public services throughout the country.

Delegation of powers to the Prime Minister

11. The parties recalled that in a letter dated 12 December 2003, the President had confirmed to the Prime Minister that the delegation of powers granted to him in accordance with article 53 of the Constitution enabled him to implement all the provisions of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement until the elections scheduled for October 2005. In this connection, the President undertakes to translate the terms of that letter into a decree, which shall specify the areas covered by the delegation of powers, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement. The President of the Republic and the Prime Minister agreed on a decree for the delegation of powers and adequate additional measures.

Resumption of the work of the Government of National Reconciliation

12. The President of the Republic, the Prime Minister and the Ivorian political forces agreed on the urgency of resuming the work of the Government of National Reconciliation, in order to enable it to play its vital role of restoring normalcy in the

country and for ensuring sustained implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement. They also agreed to convene a meeting of the Council of Ministers within a week of the signing of this Agreement.

Human Rights

13. The Ivorian parties recognise that restoration of long-term peace and stability requires respect for human rights and the rule of law. In this regard, they agreed to cooperate fully with the International Commission of Inquiry, which has been established in accordance with the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement to look into the human rights violations committed in Cote d'Ivoire since the beginning of the crisis on 19 September 2002.

14. They also agreed that the National Human Rights Commission called for by the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement, should be established and commence its work without further delay.

Monitoring mechanism

15. The parties agreed to establish a tripartite monitoring mechanism comprising the representatives in Côte d'Ivoire of ECOWAS, the African Union and the United Nations operation. The monitoring group shall make fortnightly reports on the progress in the implementation of the Accra III Agreement to the Chairman of ECOWAS, the Chairperson of the African Union and the Secretary General of the United Nations.

Vote of thanks

16. The parties expressed their sincere appreciation to the co-chairs of the meeting, President John Kufuor of Ghana, Chairman of ECOWAS, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations, as well as to all participating Heads of State and other dignitaries, for their tireless efforts in the search for peace in Côte d'Ivoire and for their wise counsel and guidance, which enabled the parties to arrive at the present Agreement.

17. All the participants expressed their deep gratitude to His Excellency Mr. John Kufuor, President of the Republic of Ghana, the Government and people of Ghana for the warm and generous hospitality extended to them during their stay in Ghana, which contributed to the conduct of the negotiations in a climate of openness and mutual understanding.

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President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

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Prime Minister
Of the Government of National Reconciliation

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Done in Accra this 30th day of July 2004